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SUBJ: EARLY DEVELOPMENT IN TUZLA TRIAL

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1. FIRST DAY OF TRIAL, JUNE 11, SAW PROSECUTION PRESENT ITS CASE AGAINST TUZLA SEVEN. IN "30 CLOSELY SPACED PAGES" DEFENDANTS WERE ACCUSED OF NUMEROUS VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLES 118, 119, AND 174 OF CRIMINAL CODE. GIST OF CHARGES WAS THAT WHILE DEFENDANTS CLAIMED MERELY TO BE DEFENDING ISLAMIC FAITH, THEY WERE ACTUALLY ATTACKING "THE GREATEST LEGACIES" OF THE REVOLUTION, "FRATERNITY, EQUALITY, SELF-MANAGEMENT, AND NON-ALIGNMENT." DEFENDANTS WERE ALSO ACCUSED OF MAKING "DISDAINFUL AND INSULTING REMARKS" ABOUT YUGOSLAVIA'S "HIGHEST OFFICIALS", AND OF GIVING SUPPORT TO THE BAR CONGRESS OF COMINFORMISTS, DISCOVERED AND DISBANDED BY THE YUGOSLAVS IN 1974.

2. PROSECUTION STATEMENT WAS REPORTED FULLY IN LOCAL PRESS BUT APPARENTLY NOT PICKED UP BY TANJUG. JUNE 12 DEFENSE STATEMENTS HAVE THUS FAR GONE UNREPORTED. WE WILL REPORT UNFOLDING DEVELOPMENTS AND ANY ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVE WE CAN GAIN ON TRIAL.
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